

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An abrasion-resistant and noise-suppressing tape for bandaging cable harnesses, comprising a backing with a first outer layer A having a first side, wherein the first side of the first outer layer A is connected to a separate layer C over an entire area of the first side of the first outer layer A, wherein the layer C is firmly connected on an open side to a separate second outer layer B over an entire area of a first side of the second outer layer B, wherein mechanical bond formation joins, without adhesive, the separate layers A, B and C to form the backing, wherein

the first outer layer A is composed of a velour, scrim, woven fabric or formed-loop knit,

the second outer layer B is composed of a velour, scrim, woven fabric or formed-loop knit, and

the layer C is being composed of a textile having an open but stable three-dimensional structure.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The tape according to claim 1, which exhibits an abrasion resistance of the backing (measured in accordance with ISO 6722, section 9.3, "Scrape abrasion resistance") of at least 150% of the sum of the abrasion resistances of the individual plies.
4. (Previously Presented) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the layer C is a spacer knit, a loop product, a three-dimensional nonwoven structure or a warp knit and/or the layer C has a basis weight of 100 to 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.
5. (Previously Presented) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the layer C has a density of 100 to 600 g/dm<sup>3</sup> and/or a thickness of 0.2 to 3 mm.

6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the layers A, B, and C comprise wear-resistant polymers.
8. (Currently Amended) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the second side of the layer B ~~the backing~~ is coated at least on one side with a self-adhesive layer, wherein the second side of the layer B is located opposite to the first side of the layer B and the layer C has a thickness defined between a first side and a second side opposite to the first side, wherein the entire thickness of layer C is located between the first side of the first outer layer A and the self-adhesive layer.
9. (Withdrawn) A method of wrapping an elongate product comprising guiding the tape as claimed in claim 1 in a helical spiral around the elongate product.
10. (Withdrawn) A method of wrapping an elongate product comprising sheathing the elongate product with the tape as claimed in claim 1 in its axial direction.
11. (Withdrawn) Elongate product wrapped with a tape as claimed in claim 1.
12. (Withdrawn) A vehicle comprising the elongate product as claimed in claim 11.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
- 15.(New) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the mechanical bond formation comprises an interloping, a stitching, a needling, a hydroentangling, an overstitching or an intermeshing.

16.(New) The tape according to claim 1, wherein the mechanical bond formation comprises the layer C intermeshed with the layer A and the layer C intermeshed with the layer B.